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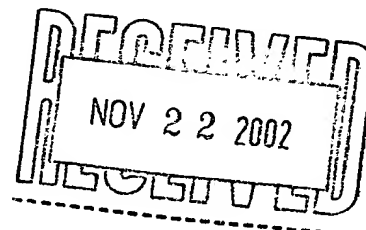
Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In order to ensure compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(a)-(d), Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which were cited in an International Search Report dated March 6, 2002 in a corresponding International patent application. Copies of the references are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-5**, respectively:

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,521,857, issued June 4, 1985 to Reynolds III (Exhibit 1);
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,568,385, issued October 22, 1996 to Shelton (Exhibit 2);
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,061,299, issued May 9, 2000 to Grouffal et al. (Exhibit 3);



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4. UK Patent Application No. GB 2 323 668 A published September 30, 1998 (Exhibit 4); and
5. Anthony J. Palicki (1992) "An Integrated GIS Solution For Seismic Hazard Mapping Systems", Computer Technology Review, Vol. 12, No. 14, pp. 107-111 (Exhibit 5).

Applicants also submit herewith as **Exhibit B** a copy of the March 6, 2002 International Search Report in connection with corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/JP01/07229.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). A first Office Action has not been received in connection with the subject application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed and no fee or certification is due or required.

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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number

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